

Senate File 2344 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 2344
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2142)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to deer hunting licenses available to
- 2 nonresident hunters.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 483A.8, subsection 3, paragraphs c and e,
2 Code 2022, are amended to read as follows:

3 c. The commission shall annually limit to ~~six~~ seven
4 thousand five hundred the number of nonresidents allowed to
5 have antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses. Of the ~~six~~
6 seven thousand five hundred nonresident antlered or any sex
7 deer hunting licenses issued, not more than thirty-five percent
8 of the licenses shall be bow season licenses. After the ~~six~~
9 seven thousand five hundred antlered or any sex nonresident
10 deer hunting licenses have been issued, all additional licenses
11 shall be issued for antlerless deer only. The commission shall
12 annually determine the number of nonresident antlerless deer
13 only deer hunting licenses that will be available for issuance.

14 e. The commission shall assign one preference point to a
15 nonresident whose application for a nonresident antlered or any
16 sex deer hunting license is denied due to limitations on the
17 number of nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses
18 available for issuance that year. An additional preference
19 point shall be assigned to that person each subsequent year
20 the person's license application is denied for that reason. A
21 nonresident may purchase additional preference points pursuant
22 to rules adopted pursuant to section 483A.1. The ~~first~~
23 department shall use a random draw process that is weighted
24 to favor applicants with the most preference points to assign
25 nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting license drawing
26 each year shall be made from the pool of applicants with the
27 most preference points and continue to pools of applicants
28 with successively fewer preference points licenses until
29 all available nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting
30 licenses have been issued. If a nonresident applicant receives
31 an antlered or any sex deer hunting license, all of the
32 applicant's assigned preference points at that time shall be
33 removed.

34 Sec. 2. Section 483A.8, subsection 3, Code 2022, is amended
35 by adding the following new paragraph:

1 NEW PARAGRAPH. *f.* If a nonresident hunting deer while using
2 the antlerless deer only deer hunting license and tag required
3 to be purchased pursuant to paragraph "b" takes an antlerless
4 deer in a zone that is above the population goal determined
5 by the commission by rule, the commission shall assign one
6 preference point to the nonresident, which shall be in addition
7 to any preference points acquired pursuant to paragraph "e".
8 The department shall determine a method for verifying a harvest
9 pursuant to this paragraph.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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This bill relates to deer hunting licenses available to
nonresident hunters.

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Currently, the natural resource commission (NRC) issues
up to 6,000 antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses to
nonresidents. The bill increases that amount to 7,500. The
bill requires NRC to use a random draw process that is weighted
to favor applicants with the most preference points to assign
nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses until all
available nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses
have been issued.

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The bill provides that when a nonresident uses the
antlerless deer only deer hunting license and tag that the
nonresident is required to purchase with an antlered or any sex
deer hunting license to take an antlerless deer in a zone that
is above the population goal determined by NRC, then NRC will
assign one preference point to the nonresident, which shall
be in addition to any preference points purchased or acquired
after failing to obtain an antlered or any sex deer hunting
license from a drawing. The department of natural resources
shall determine a method for verifying a harvest in a zone that
is above the population goal.